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	Title: <b>CLOSING DEVICE FOR VALVE WITH INTERIOR HOUSING FOR PROBE ALLOWING PROBE TO BE REMOVED WITHOUT DISASSEMBLY</b>	
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Georges CRONIMUS  
Serial no. :  
For : CLOSING DEVICE FOR VALVE WITH  
INTERIOR HOUSING FOR PROBE ALLOWING  
PROBE TO BE REMOVED WITHOUT  
DISASSEMBLY  
Docket : METPAT P59AUS

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Enclosed please find six (6) sheets of formal drawings which are to be entered in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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